

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter for claims 31-41, subject to correction of formal defects, such as antecedent basis in claims 37-41. By the foregoing amendment, claims 37-39 have been amended so as to be in compliance with 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph and provide proper antecedent basis for the limitations of claim 41. It is noted that claim 40 was not independently rejected.

Applicants note that subsequent to filing of the instant application, the present application was assigned by the inventors. Accordingly, filed herewith is a Written Consent of the Assignee, owning 100% interest in the above-identified patent. A copy of the assignment is attached to the Consent of the Assignee.

In addition, the applicants hereby submit a Supplemental Reissue Declaration in compliance with 35 USC 251. Also attached is a Surrender of the Original Patent, together with a copy of original Letters Patent 5,822,216, upon which this reissue application is based.

Also attached are "clean" copies of the drawings. Although applicants note the presence of rejections against claims 13-30 and 42-59, all such rejections and comments of the examiner are deemed moot in view of the cancellation of these claims from the present application. Applicants do note that they have added additional claims 60-62 and provide the following comments.

Applicants original disclosure clearly provides basis for dispensing money and, in this regard, applicants direct the examiner's attention to the original cut-up patent at column 5, 6th full paragraph, and column 8, 1st full paragraph, as well as the drawings, e.g., element 114 in Fig. 1. The term "bill" was used in previous claim 37 since the term "bill" is specifically mentioned in the specification as one form of "money." However, since both bills and coins may be dispensed, the use of the term "money" is considered more appropriate as protecting applicant's invention. "Money" is also specifically mentioned

as a generic form of "bills" and "coins"; compare column 2, 1st full paragraph and column 4, 3rd full paragraph. Additionally, the presence of a telephone connection, cable, modem, antennae, or satellite dish is supported by the original disclosure at column 6, 2nd and 3rd full paragraphs, column 7, 4th full paragraph of the cut-up original patent, as well as in the drawings, e.g., Fig. 1, element 119, Fig. 2, element 219 and Fig. 3, element 319. As all of new claims 60-62 are dependent on previously allowable claims and are fully supported by the original disclosure, they should also be in condition for allowance, as is the case of amended claim 36 to recite "money" in place of the previous "bills."

Having fully responded to the preceding Office Action, applicants respectfully submit that all claims are now in condition for immediate allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

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Attachments:

- Attachment I
- Supplemental Reissue Declaration
- Power of Attorney by Assignee
- Assent of Assignee to Reissue
- Offer to Surrender Original Patent
- Original U.S. Letters Patent 5,822,216

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ATTACHMENT I

36. (Amended) The vending machine of claim 32, wherein said selected item is at least one item selected from the group consisting of cans, bottles, hot and cold drinks in cups, sandwiches, candy, combs, [bills] money, CD-ROM, diskettes, and laser-discs.

37. (Amended) The vending machine of claim 32, [wherein said computer assembly further comprises:] further comprising:

at least one audio-video recording, storage, and playback mechanism selected from the group including data storage unit, programmable audio-video message storage unit, laser-disc, read-write CD-ROM, and diskette for storage of data and recording, storage and playback of audio and video signals, wherein a customer is enabled respectively to upload and download audio and video signals from and to said audio-video mechanism to and from websites and home pages, and to send and receive data from and to said audio-video mechanism to and from other data transmitters or receivers.

38. (Amended) The vending machine of claim 37, further comprising:

a camera connected to said computer for generating video signals; and

a microphone connected to said computer for generating audio signals, wherein said [audio and video] microphone generated audio and camera generated video signals are recorded alone or in combination with already recorded audio and visual signals by said at least one audio-video mechanism.

39. (Amended) The vending machine of claim 32, further comprising:

a camera connected to said computer for generating video signals;

a microphone connected to said computer for generating audio signals; and

[an] at least one audio-video recording, storage, and playback mechanism connected to said computer for recording said audio and video signals,

wherein said audio and video signals are provided live through the Internet [access] and are recorded by said audio-video mechanism and said storage unit.